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Early week prices were lower in New York; elsewhere prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices continued to lower in New York and remained unchanged in other locations. The market tone was weak and demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample. Breaking stock prices as well as checks and undergrades were lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light and selective. Many breakers were refusing nest run offerings and were purchasing heavy graded loose shell eggs at discounted prices. Floor stocks were adequate and beginning to build. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Light type hen demand was good with offerings fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-9 cents, mostly 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for all sizes with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment continued weak. Retail demand was mostly light with food service demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate and building in most locations. Central states breaking stock prices and checks and undergrades were lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light to moderate. Many breakers were purchasing discounted heavy graded loose product. Supplies were adequate and building. Schedules normal. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	58-60
LARGE	54-62	56-59
MEDIUM	35-41	38-40

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. The market tone remained weak. Demand into all channels ranged light to fair. Supplies were sufficient to ample. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient and demand was noted as light to moderate. Spent hens were more than adequate for slaughter needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-76	62-67
LARGE	56-70	61-65
MEDIUM	36-49	41-43

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	64.50	63.00	43.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	42.00
MIDWEST	59.00	57.50	41.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	63.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.03	61.68	42.42

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-05-04	09-28-04	10-07-03
Large	37-44	37-44	64-68
Medium	18-22	20-24	53-56

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCTOBER 04, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.9	27.3	5.6	14.1	10.7	70.6
	Change	-0.5	6.9	0.7	-0.2	-0.3	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.5	63.2	14.3	27.1	40.8	172.9
	Change	-1.2	15.5	1.6	5.8	3.1	17%
Large	Curr Wk	50.1	154.4	68.7	103.5	119.3	496.0
	Change	-4.3	21.3	2.5	12.9	8.0	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.3	51.6	16.3	21.1	35.0	142.3
	Change	1.2	-0.6	-0.1	-2.6	-7.8	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	7.0	14.3	5.3	8.6	7.1	42.3
	Change	0.9	1.4	-0.4	3.6	-1.0	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.4	32.2	8.8	18.4	5.2	71.0
	Change	1.1	-2.3	0.7	-2.2	-0.1	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	25.9	39.8	31.2	43.6	32.8	173.3
	Change	0.6	4.2	5.5	9.1	2.9	15%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	148.1	382.8	150.2	236.4	250.9	1168.4
	Change	-1%	14%	7%	13%	2%	8%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1168.4	8%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	257.9	3%	35

Total Shell Egg 1426.3 7% 206

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 02-OCT-04

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,248,956	29,404	12,269	6,532	2,331	4,432
PW	1,255,426	28,351	13,070	7,030	2,437	4,315
LY	1,229,298	30,591	11,064	6,006	2,352	4,317
% CHG PWK	-1	4	-6	-7	-4	3
% CHG LY	2	-4	11	9	-1	3
2004	48,044,404	1,140,074	461,983	249,779	107,310	164,619
2003	45,485,444	1,109,005	414,703	225,910	92,089	163,601
% CHG YTD	6	3	11	11	17	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.15	42.03	42.28
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.60	38.59	38.77

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	SEP 25	OCT 02	SEP 25	OCT 02
	Thousand			
AL	*29,371	29,335	*21,257	21,052
AR	30,749	27,856	24,656	23,585
DE	3,551	3,631	4,813	4,093
FL	1,359	1,348	1,226	1,421
GA	*30,739	31,504	*27,247	25,780
KY	6,636	6,942	*5,595	5,587
LA	3,816	3,846	3,921	3,531
MD	8,587	8,548	5,718	5,695
MS	18,308	17,923	17,108	16,076
NC	17,904	16,649	13,895	13,605
OK	5,782	5,699	5,744	5,016
PA	*3,682	3,804	*2,886	2,665
SC	4,012	4,223	3,713	4,330
TX	15,214	14,760	12,573	12,253
VA	6,245	5,847	5,061	5,458
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,696	17,217	*15,750	16,942
19 State Total	*202,651	199,132	*171,163	167,089
Previous Year Total	195,868	195,032	163,137	158,932
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	105	105

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-Nov-04 is estimated at 155.7 million head. This compares to 158.6 million head the previous week and to 151.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.54 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/30/04-06/29/04

CURRENT LDS 106.00 FUTURE LDS 63.00 TOTAL LDS 169.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	37.50	43.50	38.30	39.71	—	43.00	14.00
GNR W 2	—	—	35.25	37.00	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	59.75	61.50	42.85	—	5.25
GL W XL	—	55.37	49.38	52.46	40.74	38.50	52.25
GL W LG	—	—	41.00	42.00	38.00	—	15.00
GL W MD	32.00	35.00	—	—	26.50	29.36	12.75
GL W SM	25.00	27.75	24.61	26.68	—	25.00	12.00
GL BR LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	39.00	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	36.00	33.00	34.00	32.61	35.21	42.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	32.50	34.00	—	33.00	6.00
NRBS - 42	19.00	20.00	—	—	22.17	26.21	8.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	26.50	28.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 02-OCT-2004

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	29.6	31.8	-7	17
Boston	3.0	3.4	-12	-14
Chicago	58.5	54.0	8	5
Detroit	30.3	24.5	24	36
Kansas City	2.0	2.0	0	-47
Los Angeles	86.2	87.9	-2	-2
New Orleans	8.1	6.1	33	-25
New York	28.1	27.6	2	-1
St. Louis	15.5	20.2	-23	-8
San Francisco	19.3	18.1	7	-9
Total	280.6	275.6	2	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	290.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 02-OCT-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,650	2,615	58	3	4,326
Avg Wt	15.61	35.73	23.28	46.31	27.90
Last week	1,580	2,652	63	5	4,300
Same wk yr ago	1,929	2,743	78	10	4,760
Avg Wt	15.53	34.43	23.96	27.19	26.58
To-date/2004	67,339	99,516	2,034	289	169,178
To-date/2003	73,337	106,524	2,471	544	182,876

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

NUMBER OF TURKEYS CULLED IN FEDERAL INSPECTION PERIOD

Week ending 02-OCT-04
(Preliminary)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS		
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	589	7	20.64	(A)	590	20.64
South Atlantic	756	-9	29.57	(A)	757	29.57
North Central	2,156	2	31.33	(A)	2,157	31.33
South Central	454	-1	20.16	(A)	454	20.16
West	368	6	25.34	(A)	368	25.34
U.S. total	4,323(B)	1	27.90	3	4,326	27.90
To-date						
2004	168,889(B)			289	169,178	
To-date						
2003	182,332(B)			544	182,876	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 58,000 for the current year to date 2,034,000; for last year to date 2,471,000.

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 02-Oct-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	162,066	1,416	1,573	2,989	487
Avg Wt	5.35	3.44	8.12	5.90	6.79
Last week	161,724	1,523	1,316	2,839	489
Same wk yr ago	158,247	1,346	1,444	2,790	435
Avg Wt	4.99	3.56	8.10	5.91	6.77
To-date/2004	6,107,022	53,304	52,490	105,794	18,193
To-date/2003	6,014,731	57,874	54,975	112,849	16,135

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.0 million head, or 0.9 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Oct-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/09/04(1)	10/02/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	171,763(2)	164,024
Light hens	1,379	1,429
Heavy hens	1,521	1,501
Total	174,663	166,954

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Oct-04 is 165.1 million head compared to 158.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.1 million head or 7.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
August	28	166.7	165.0	101%	5.30
September	4	169.8	163.9	104%	5.16
	11	151.4	163.0	93%	5.31
	18	156.3	163.4	96%	5.33
	25	163.7	164.3	100%	5.39
October	2	164.0	164.9	99%	5.35
Year to date		6181.3	6291.4	98%	
October	9		165.1		
	16		164.4		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 04-OCT-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.57	41 :	62.68	76
Los Angeles	83.00	80.02	64 :	76.66	131
New York	61.00-64.00	63.04	23 :	64.90	48

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
	4-Oct-04	27-Sep-04	27-Sep-04	6-Oct-03
	69.44	-0.48	69.92	63.63
Number of loads		567		

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
September	70.07	2712.80

QUARTERLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

Months	Weighted Average	Loads
July-September	75.73	8023.20

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	WTD	LBS
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ OFFERS	SALES	AVG (000)
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-78	75.5 75.50 60
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	75-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	75-76	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS) Processed other

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM 10/04/04	3,275	182,984	58,076
AM 09/01/04	3,322	184,056	56,558
CHG	-47	-1072	1518
PCT CHG	-1%	-1%	3%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	17	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	582	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	748	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 04-OCT-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.25-12	11.17
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.25-14.25 CENTS/LB.	10-10.75	10.51

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REGIONS	REMOVAL COST	
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-11	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-9	0-5

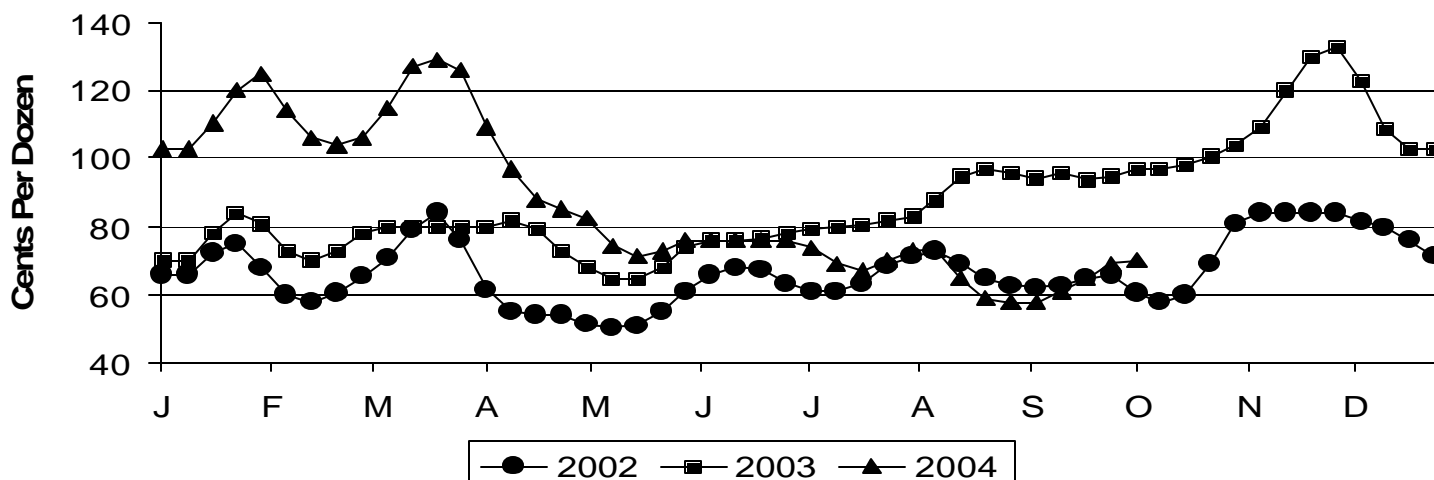
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 02-Oct-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	234.3	-2	7
East North Central	555.8	-2	5
West North Central	282.3	-5	0
South Atlantic	212.0	-2	-2
South Central	67.2	4	-4
West	182.7	-5	-2
Total	1534.3	-3	2

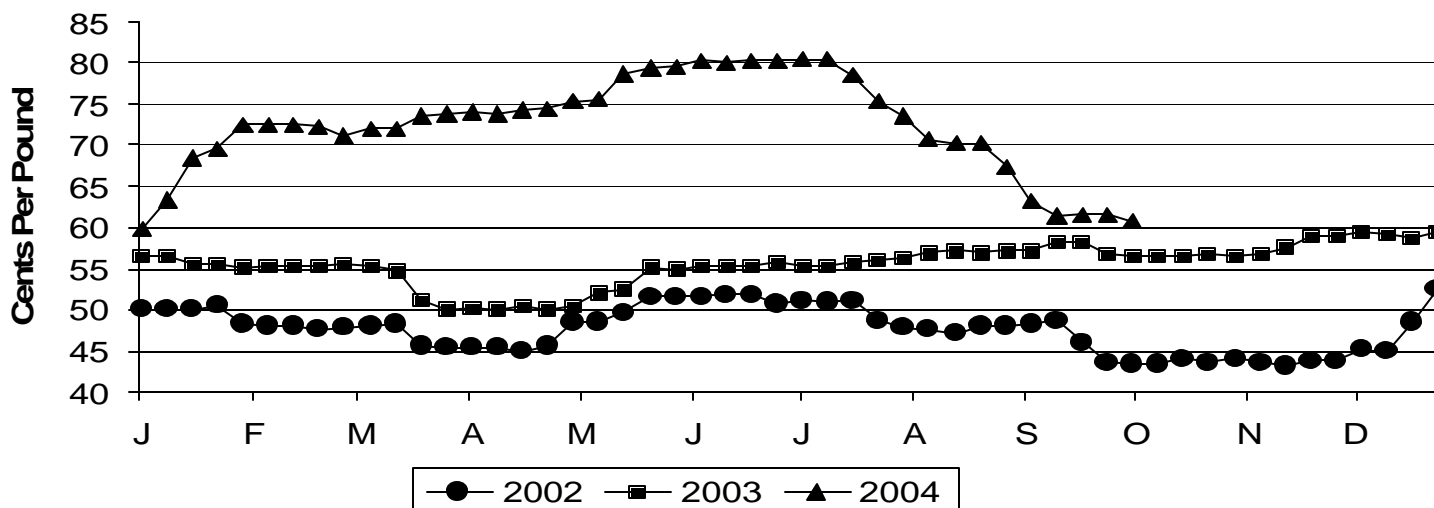
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 85
Last year 85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

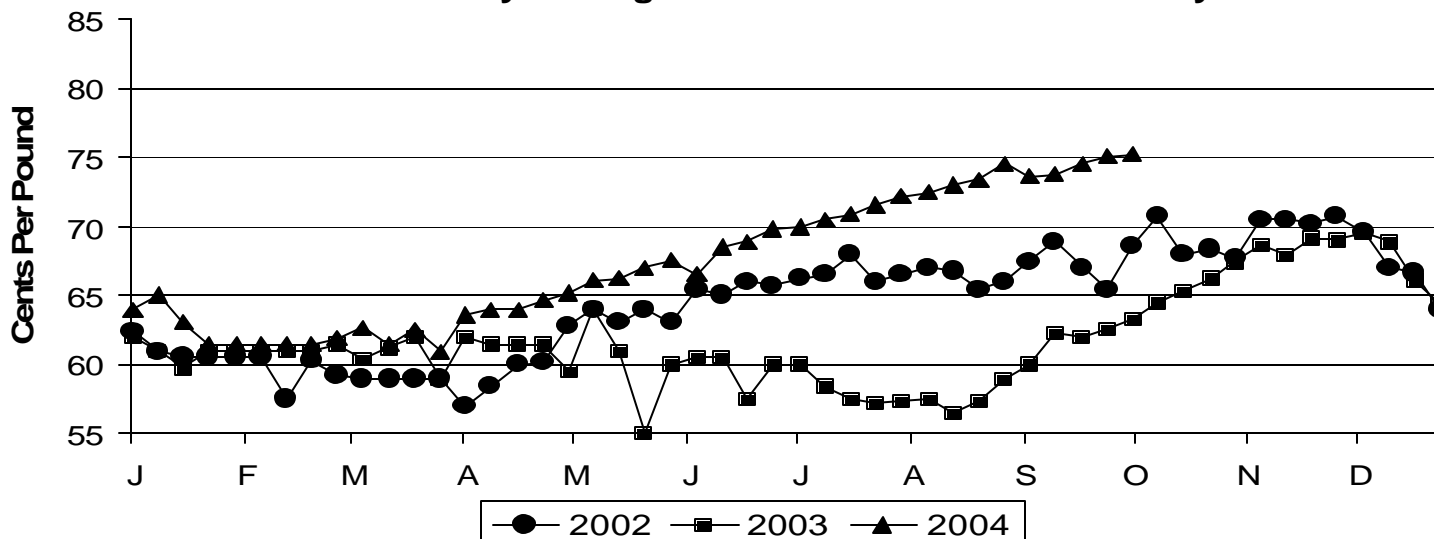
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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